

## Message Text

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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: MASS

SUBJECT: LETTER FROM PRIME MINISTER LEE

1. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO PASS THE TEXT OF A LETTER  
QUOTED BELOW FROM ASST SECRETARY HOLBROOKE TO PRIME MINISTER  
LEE. A SIGNED COPY WILL FOLLOW.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

DEPT MR. PRIME MINISTER:

PLEASE ALLOW ME TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION FOR THE RAPID  
AND GRACIOUS RESPONSE OF YOUR GOVERNMENT LAST WEEK IN  
ALLOWING TWELVE US NAVY AIRCRAFT TO LAND AT SINGAPORE  
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WHEN THEIR AIRCRAFT CARRIER DEVELOPED  
MECHANICAL PROBLEMS AT SEA. AS THE AIRCRAFT WERE DANGER-  
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OUSLY LOW ON FUEL WHEN THEY FINALLY WERE FORCED TO DIVERT  
TO SINGAPORE, THE PROMPT ACTION TAKEN BY YOUR AUTHORITIES  
AVERTED WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN AT BEST GREAT EMBARRASSMENT  
AND AT WORST A MAJOR TRAGEDY.

THE RESOLUTION OF THIS SITUATION IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF THE  
CLOSE AND COOPERATIVE TIES BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES. I HOPE

THAT YOU WILL ACCEPT THIS EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE, AND PASS

IT TO THOSE IN THE GOVERNMENT OF SINGAPORE WHO WERE  
RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH QUICK AND EFFECTIVE ACTION.  
SINCERELY, RICHARD HOLBROOKE

END TEXT VANCE

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## Message Attributes

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